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# Stockland Green School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back our students, it really is great to see everyone again. As promised prior to Easter, we wanted to use this opportunity to share some important information regarding Year 9 and the upcoming Options process for GCSE subject selections starting September 2021.

## Options Process 2021

The Options process will start in earnest on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, with students having a week of guidance and information relating to the upcoming Options Week which will be from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May. The process of guidance and Options choices will mainly take place during Citizenship lessons and I have outlined the programme below. In addition to this we have also built into the curriculum a Careers Week where subjects will be holding lessons with a careers theme, to further support students in their Options choices and future career pathways.

## Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May – Options Guidance

Date	Citizenship activity
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Introduction session to the Options process via Form Tutors.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Options booklet provided and Options videos to go live on website.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Careers session to outline the following Careers week theme within lessons.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly via Teams with Mr Castle to outline the following week process of course selection and submission.

## Course Selection

In order to fully support appropriate Course selections, there are a number of initiatives we have set up, and some that have already taken place.

- As part of the selection process, staff and students have been in dialogue over the past few weeks regarding selections of courses within chosen pathways. Students will have informed staff of their preference in Option A for Geography or History, and if students are selected for the GREEN pathway (which requires a language), whether they would prefer French or Spanish. Some students have also indicated an interest in either Computing or I Media. If students have chosen History for example, there is still the option to choose Geography in a different Option block.



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- To assist in choices of the remaining Option blocks, staff have recorded videos of their subject courses. These videos outline key information of the course, explain career pathways from the course and outline examination requirements. These videos supplement the Options booklet which we will provide.

**Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May – Options Choices**

During Options week, once students have had a chance to digest all information and you and your child have been informed of their pathway and guided subject choices, they then need to select their remaining Options choices. All information about available subjects within each Option Block will be provided. (I have outlined the available Options below, but please remember 1 or 2 maybe pre-populated as students have already expressed an interest in this subject. Option A will be pre-populated dependent on the Pathway they are on, I have attached this information too.)

Date	Citizenship activity
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Students to take an Options selection letter home to complete with parents.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Completion of selection letter.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Submission of selection letter.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Submission of selection letter.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Submission of selection letter.

Option A (All GCSEs apart from Functional Skills)	Option B (All GCSEs apart from Functional Skills)	Option C	Option D
French History (2 groups) Geography (2 groups) Functional Skills	French Geography History Spanish Computer Science Functional Skills	Music (Rock School – Vocational level 2) Health & Social Care - (Vocational Level 2) Art - GCSE R.E. - GCSE P.E. – OCR Nationals Performing Arts - BTEC Design & Technology - GCSE	Hospitality & Catering – Vocational Level 2 P.E. – OCR Nationals Art - GCSE Design & Technology - GCSE I Media – Vocational Level 2 Textiles Technology - GCSE Drama - GCSE

**Course decisions**

The course decision sheet will come home with students on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May and will have pre-populated sections for the pathways students are on, and then the subjects available to choose. I have outlined an example overleaf.




Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pathway: GREEN			
Option A (pre choice)	Option B (select one) (All GCSEs apart from Functional Skills)	Option C (select one)	Option D (select one)
History GCSE	French Geography History Spanish Computer Science Functional Skills	Music (Rock School – Vocational level 2) Health & Social Care - (Vocational Level 2) Art - GCSE R.E. - GCSE P.E. – OCR Nationals Performing Arts - BTEC Design & Technology - GCSE	Hospitality & Catering – Vocational Level 2 P.E. – OCR Nationals Art - GCSE Design & Technology - GCSE I Media – Vocational Level 2 Textiles Technology - GCSE Drama - GCSE

All information discussed above will be contained in the Options booklet which will be provided to students next week and will be available online [www.stocklandgreen.co.uk/options-2021](http://www.stocklandgreen.co.uk/options-2021) together with videos from each subject. The website will go live on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Yours faithfully



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